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SUBJ: ZAPU STATEMENT ON UK/US PROPOSALS

1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF STATEMENT REGARDING ANGLO-AMERICAN
PROPOSALS ON RHODESIA APPEARING IN SEPTEMBER 3 EDITION OF
THE ZIMBABWE PEOPLE'S VOICE,
----- OFFICIAL ORGAN OF ZAPU.

2. QUOTE: PATRIOTIC FRONT ON PROPOSALS

THE PATRIOTIC FRONT HAS LOOKED THROUGH THE BRITISH WHITE
PAPER ON THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS OF THE SOUTHERN RHODESIA
SITUATION AND HAVE NOTED THAT THE PROPOSALS CONTAIN ASPECTS
WHICH ARE UNACCEPTABLE TO THE PATRIOTIC FRONT.

THE ASPECTS ARE;

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(I) THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER'S LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE
RESPONSIBILITIES TO BE EXERCISED AT HIS OWN DISCRETION;
THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT SEEKS BY THESE POWERS OF THE RESIDENT
COMMISSIONER TO IMPOSE A SOLUTION INTENDED TO PROTECT THE
RACIST MINORITY SETTLERS' INTERESTS DURING THE TRANSITIONAL
PERIOD AND AFTER INDEPENDENCE.

WE REJECT THIS BECAUSE IT SEEKS TO GIVE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT POWER TO MANIPULATE THE WAR SITUATION IN ZIMBABWE IN ORDER TO BRING ABOUT A SETTLEMENT THAT SAFEGUARDS HER OWN INTERESTS AND THOSE OF THE MINORITY SETTLERS.

(A) THE PATRIOTIC FRONT REJECTS THAT THE PRESENT OR PARA-MILITARY CIVIL POWER SHOULD REMAIN INTACT, AND THAT THE PRESENT RHODESIAN FASCIST POLICE FORCE THAT HAS BEEN AND IS STILL TERRORISING THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SO-CALLED LAW AND ORDER DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD AND AFTER INDEPENDENCE.

THE PATRIOTIC FRONT REJECTS THE INTRODUCTION OF A SO-CALLED UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING FORCE INTO OUR COUNTRY. THE BRITISH PROPOSALS SUGGEST THAT THE UNITED NATIONS FORCE WOULD:

- (A) SUPERVISE A SO-CALLED CEASE-FIRE,
- (B) SUPPORT FOR THE CIVIL POWER
- (C) LIAISON WITH THE EXISTING RHODESIAN ARMED FORCES AND WITH THE FORCES AND WITH THE FORCES OF THE LIBERATION ARMIES.

OUR MEMORIES ARE STILL FRESH WITH THE DISASTER AND CONFUSION THAT WERE CAUSED BY THE INTRODUCTION OF SO-CALLED UNITED NATIONS ARMED FORCES INTO THE CONGO, CYPRUS AND KOREA. THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WILL NOT ACCEPT THE INTRODUCTION OF A SIMILAR DISASTER INTO ZIMBABWE. THE LIBERATION ARMED STRUGGLE PROSECUTED BY UNCLASSIFIED

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PATRIOTIC FRONT ARMED FORCES IS NOT INTENDED TO INSTAL BRITISH COLONIALISM IN ZIMBABWE.

THE BRITISH PROPOSALS SHOW THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO ARREST THE IMMINENT AND INEVITABLE MILITARY DEFEAT OF THE RHODESIA RACIST REGIME. THESE PROPOSALS ARE CALCULATED TO MAKE THE LIBERATION FROCES SURRENDER TO THE BRITISH AND THE RHODESIAN REGIME INSTEAD OF THE RHODESIAN FASCIST SURRENDERING TO US.

WE WANT TO POINT OUT IN THE STRONGEST TERMS THAT WE HAVE BEEN FIGHTING AND ARE FIGHTING FOR THE TOTAL AND IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE OF ZIMBABWE. WE ARE NOT FIGHTING FOR THE IMPOSITION, TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT, REMOTE OR IMMEDIATE, DIRECT OR INDIRECT OF BRITISH COLONIALISM. WE DEMAND THE SURRENDER OF POWER TO THE RHODESIAN REGIME TO THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE. END QUOTE.
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